

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Final Office Action dated July 5, 2006, Applicant amends the application and seeks reconsideration thereof. In this response, 6 claims have been amended, no claims have been added and 4 claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 3-6, 8-17 and 19 are pending.

Applicant has amended claims to place those that were indicated to contain allowable subject matter in independent form. Specifically, claim 6 has been amended to be equivalent to former claim 7 in independent form, claim 11 has been placed in independent form including all the limitations of its base claims, claim 16 corresponds to former claim 18 in independent form. Claims 3-4 and 13-15 were previously allowed. All claims now pending were indicated to be allowable or have been made dependent claims.


CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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